(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the future proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* Below)

(c) Railways strive continuously to amend the rules to suit the changing requirements of rail users. There is no specific proposal at present in this regard.

Statement

Liberalisation of Railway Refund Rules.

During the last few years, the rules regarding refund on unused tickets have been liberalised as under:

(1) For night trains leaving after 9 PM. refund can be obtained from the station within first two hours after opening of reservation office on the following morning also.

(2) Refund can be obtained during working hours and before preparation of reservation chart, from any station/reservation office in the country which is linked to the ticket issuing station by computer.

(3) Charges for issuing duplicate tickets in lieu of the lost/misplaced/ torn/mutilated reserved tickets of over 500 Kms. have been reduced from 25% to 10% subject to the minimum recovery of 25% charges for 500 Kms. fares.

(4) If reservation for some persons in a group/family ticket is confirmed while others are on waiting list and the entire ticket is cancelled, full refund has been allowed for confirmed passengers also (lese clerkage charges) provided that the ticket for entire party/family is surrendered at the journey commencing station within 4 hrs. before scheduled departure and upto 3 hrs. after actual departure of the train.

(5) Station Masters of 453 important Stations/Reservation Offices have been delegated special discretionary powers to grant refund on unused tickets issued by their stations which are surrendered for refund after the normal time limits prescribed in the rules for refund.

Holding of Junior Research Fellowship Test by J.N.U.

2000. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 160 given in the Rajya Sabha the 19th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the J.N.U. comes under the purview of U.G.C. and whether the reported differences over the helding of test of Junior Research Fellowship by J.N.U. and U.G.C. sorted out amicably by both the parties; and

(b) whether Government have received any reports regarding flouting of conditions laid down by U.G.C. from State Government (Union Territory) or protest by Academics for Action and Development (A&D) for promotion of lecturers in Delhi University Colleges etc. if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The UGC has informed that the Junior Research Fellowship test conducted by the JNU has been approved by the Commission for the academic year 1996-97.

(b) The UGC has informed that 46 cases relating to the National Eligibility Test (NET) are pending in various Courts.

As regards, promotion of lecturers to Readers in the University of Delhi, a representation from the Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) demanding promotion without Ph.D was received. On a reference being made to the UGC by the Government, the Commission has not agreed to this demand.

Financial Aid for Libraries in Kerala

2001. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Raja Ram Mohan Roy Foundation gives financial assistance to libraries in various States;

(b) if so, the amount spent for this during the last five years;

(c) the amount paid out of this to Kerala, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government will direct the Foundation to enhance the amount of aid to Kerala considering the financial difficulties the libraries in this State are facing?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The amount spent under the schemes during the last five years together with the details of grants released to the State of Kerala is as under:

Year	Total amount spent	Paid to Kerala
1991-92	43,07,165	11,40,200
1992-93	63,31,875	10,66,400
1993-94	89,15,778	11,25,865
1994-95	56,85,610	11,18,500
1995-96	66,57,533	1,82,500

(d) According to the rules the foundation cannot operate the schemes of assistance for development of libraries of any particular State.

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2002. **श्री एस०एस० सुरजेवालाः** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान, गुजरात में सहकारी विकास निगम के कार्यक्रमों / परियोजनाओं के लिए राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम द्वारा दी गई वित्तीय सहायता का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या आगमी वर्षों में, राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम, कृषि तथा संबद्ध क्षेत्रों में सहकारी विकास कार्यक्रमों / परियोजनाओं को लागू करने के लिए और अधिक वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखता है; और

(ख) तथा (ग) जी हां। वर्ष 1996-97 के लिए गुजरात राज्य के वास्ते राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम द्वारा किए गए अन्तरिम वित्तीय आवंटन का ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण—II में दिया गया है।

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चुतरानन मिश्र): (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात राज्य में सहकारी विकास के कार्यक्रमों / परियोजनाओं के लिए राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम द्वारा मुहैया की गई वित्तीय सहायता का ब्यौरा संलग्न विवरण—I में दिया गया है। **(नीचे देखिए)**